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## WEPENER IS RELIEVED

### THE SIEGE RAISED AFTER THREE SUCCESSFUL FIGHTS.

Boers Retreating Northeast to Ladybrand—French's Cavalry Marching to Cut Off Retreat.

London, April 26.—It is officially announced that Wepener has been relieved.

The war office has issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 25: "The enemy retired from in front of Wepener last night and this morning northwards along the Ladybrand road. Their number was between 4,000 and 5,000."

Cape Town, April 26.—The relief of Col. Dalgety was accomplished by Gen. Brabant.

The Times has the following special correspondence dated Mafeking, Basutoland, April 26: "I rode from Jansburg here skirting Wepener, and I met Gen. Brabant's advance guard four miles south of Wepener. They report three successful fights, Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday, with 22 casualties. The siege was raised and five thousand of the enemy retired along the Ladybrand road, within our sight and unopposed. Col. Dalgety's casualties are 33 killed and 132 wounded."

The war office has issued Lord Roberts' list of the casualties prior to the occupation of De Wets Dorp, showing that Capt. De Wets, of the 18th Hussars, was killed, and that a captain, two lieutenants and 22 men were wounded. Capt. Prothero, who was wounded at Kamefontein, has since died.

Mr. Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, says: "The army deployed in the Free State may not be used for a continuing attack on Thaba N'Chu unless the Boers are in a strong position and in great numbers there, a more complete advance may well suffice to compel their retreat. Gens. Brabant and Hart are more likely to pursue the Boers retreating in the direction of Ladybrand. These papers are based upon the assumption that the decisive advance has now begun, and that the army was not spread out until it was ready."

Paris, April 26.—A dispatch from Pretoria says that Gen. Wet has Brabant's horse isolated, and has repulsed two attempts to relieve it, capturing 50 prisoners. Bloemfontein, April 26.—Richards' farm, near Leuw Koop, from which they fired a white flag the Canadians were fired upon has been burned as a punishment. Richards is a prisoner.

London, April 26.—The Times editorial leader says: "The most important news from South Africa this morning is that the trial of thirty-six rebels at Cape Town ended in their condemnation to various terms of imprisonment, ranging from five years down to death."

"These sentences are really do not err on the side of severity, as according to the usages of war and the practice of nations engaged in war, these men had made themselves liable to summary execution. If the ringleaders could off with five years in jail and their less responsible followers with from three years to a few months, they may congratulate themselves on having played a most dangerous game upon remarkably easy terms."

"In saying this we do not mean to imply much regret that sterner measures were not resorted to. The British people are not vindictive, nor would they desire any greater slaughter than is imperatively called for in self-defense. There was a time when the spread of rebellion threatened to place us in such a position that we should have had no choice but to adopt the most drastic measures for its suppression. But the danger is passed away, and what we now have to make is a most dangerous game upon remarkably easy terms."

A dispatch from Durban, dated April 26, reports that Gen. Lucas Meyer is dead.

The arrival of Mafeking dispatches has renewed the interest and anxiety in regard to the fate of its defenders. Lady Sarah Wilson's account of the slaughter of thirty-three natives who went out from Mafeking last Friday to recover some cattle, which had been looted by the Boers, and who, while they were sleeping were surrounded by the Boers and shot without quarter, apparently in a spirit of pure massacre, has been a most dangerous game upon remarkably easy terms."

Norriton, April 26.—While John Hanna, night watchman at the Canadian Central Cotton company's mill, was at the door of the sixth room in front of the mill, three men suddenly came up and demanded the keys of the mill.

Hanna, though scared, said he had no keys and had nothing to do with the place, merely having a smoke. They walked away, and when Hanna ran to the house of Manager Woodside and he and some of the hands went down. The men did not return, however. This startling incident occurred so close to the scene of Saturday's dynamite sensation, that naturally it caused alarm in the neighborhood.

## YUKON REPRESENTATION.

Petition From British Citizens in the Klondike Last Before Parliament.

Ottawa, April 26.—A petition received by the governor-general from British citizens in Yukon territory, asking for representation in parliament, was presented to the house yesterday by the premier.

It sets forth that the population of the territory is 22,000 and over; nearly all of them were over 21 years of age, the revenue of the territory over \$2,000,000, or one-twenty-fifth of the gross revenue of the Dominion. It says that representation is essential to prevent mistakes and imprudent legislation and as the mining industry is permanent, the population will increase. According to the basis on which representation was first given to Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and British Columbia, Yukon would be entitled to from two to 12 members, but they would be satisfied with two members for the present. They ask that the right to elect members be given during the present session of parliament.

Before the orders of the day were called Sir Charles Tupper complained that he was not able to get a cablegram from the war office, through the militia department, giving an official statement of the Canadians who had fallen in battle, so that some \$30,000 or \$40,000 might be paid out to their relatives and heirs by the insurance company in which he had them insured through a friend.

Dr. Borden said that he had written the war office as soon as Sir Charles had brought the matter to his attention, and afterwards cabled, but he was not able yet to get the official authority which was required.

Mr. Bell of Addington, resumed the debate on the budget. He was followed by Messrs. D. C. Fraser, Bennett, of Simcoe, and Rait. Mr. Craig moved the adjournment of the debate.

## TO BE INVESTIGATED.

A Charge That Territorial Public Accounts Were Falsified.

Regina, April 26.—Dr. Patrick, chairman of a select committee, to inquire into a certain report and editorial comment in reference to the public accounts, which had appeared in the Regina Standard of April 18 inst., reported that Mr. Bennett, a member of the house, had refused to appear before the committee, and asked for an order to compel his appearance. Bennett denied that he had refused, and read the letter he received from the chairman, and his reply, in which he claimed that a proper course should be pursued if his attendance were desired. He questioned the constitutional right of a committee to act as it had done, and denied that he had refused, and read the letter he received from the chairman, and his reply, in which he claimed that a proper course should be pursued if his attendance were desired. He questioned the constitutional right of a committee to act as it had done, and denied that he had refused, and read the letter he received from the chairman, and his reply, in which he claimed that a proper course should be pursued if his attendance were desired.

The paper, in publishing the evidence, or what purported to be such, also denied that he had refused, and read the letter he received from the chairman, and his reply, in which he claimed that a proper course should be pursued if his attendance were desired. He questioned the constitutional right of a committee to act as it had done, and denied that he had refused, and read the letter he received from the chairman, and his reply, in which he claimed that a proper course should be pursued if his attendance were desired.

## CAMPAIGN ON THE COAST.

Mr. Menzies to Support Martin's Motion in House of Commons.

Toronto, April 26.—The World's Vancouver special says: "An important general meeting of the labor party was held last night to decide what to do in the present crisis. All the labor unions in the city were represented. There was a warm discussion as to whether to support Mr. Menzies' motion, which was finally agreed unanimously that the labor party could support the platform put forward by Martin, but to nominate two candidates, who would be independent, giving support to the platform, but ready to protest if any attempt were made to transgress pledges."

## Private Purcell Dies of Fever.

Bloemfontein, April 26.—Pte. E. Purcell, of Halifax, died on Sunday of enteric fever.

Halifax, April 26.—Private Purcell, whose death was announced from Bloemfontein, was the fourth Halifax man of company H to die in Africa. He was a son of W. A. Purcell, taxidermist, and was formerly attached to the Sixty-sixth P. I. F., and was one of the first to enlist here. He leaves a wife and four children.

## Has No Power to Build Spur Line.

Brandon, April 26.—Word was received here today from the secretary of the Northern Pacific railway that they had not power under their charter to build a spur line to the exhibition grounds. A meeting of the members of the Agriculture society, the board of trade and the tariff club was held this afternoon, and it was decided that the Agricultural society members would apply for a charter themselves.

## BOERS' FINAL ATTACK.

### THE WEPENER GARRISON HAVE HARD FIGHTING.

Rundle Reeling—The Boers in Great Force—British Concentrating—Canadians in a Tight Place.

London, April 25.—All attention is centered on the interesting though complicated situation in the southeastern portion of the Orange Free State from which developments of the utmost importance must ensue in the near future. Gen. Rundle, apparently has found the Boers confronting him at De Wets Dorp stronger than he cares to engage, so he is marking time pending the arrival of support. While Gen. Rundle is preparing to strike, De Wets Dorp, Generals Brabant and Hart are pushing along the frontier of Basutoland, whence they will be able to frustrate any attack on Gen. Rundle's rear, and Generals French and Pole-Carew are hastening from Bloemfontein to lay the Boer line of retreat northward.

In the meanwhile the burgher forces occupying Thaba N'Chu are in a position to fight a delaying action, giving the Boer forces at De Wets Dorp and Wepener time to retire in case of defeat, and it seems as though Gen. French must dispose of the Thaba N'Chu force before he can reach the rear of the Boer forces opposing Generals Rundle and Brabant, otherwise his flank would be open to a salt.

During the course of Gen. Alderson's advance on Leewards the Canadians found themselves in a tight corner on Sunday near Donkerput. The Canadian mounted infantry sent to reconnoiter the Boer position, approached within 300 yards of a farm lying in the hospital flag, under cover of which the Boers opened such a hot fire on the Canadians that they were unable to attempt to retire until another force of Canadians covered their retreat by threatening the rear of the Boer position.

Warrenton, April 24.—Shelling was resumed this morning, the fire being directed at the British river redoubts, which are steadily being pushed forward. The Boers appear to be in a stronger fire down the river, and the Yeomanry patrols are frequently sniped. It is confidently believed that important developments are not far off.

London, April 25.—The war office issued the following from Lord Roberts:

"Bloemfontein, April 25.—Generals Brabant and Hart yesterday turned the position occupied by the enemy, who tried to prevent their moving northward and got into heliographic communication with Col. Dalgety, commander of the Wepener garrison at Wepener. The 11th division under General Pole-Carew and Gen. French's two brigades of cavalry, reached Tweede Elck yesterday afternoon without having met serious opposition."

"Heliographic communication has been established with Gen. Rundle. A parcel of the Seventh Dragoons, under Lieut. Jenkins, which was reported missing yesterday, has rejoined Gen. French's camp, with the exception of Corporal Taylor and Private Cook who are believed to be wounded and prisoners."

"Mounted infantry yesterday, under Gen. Brabant, occupied the water works at Sandvlei. As the enemy are holding the neighboring hills in some strength, the ninth division, consisting of Gen. Smith-Dorrien's and Gen. Macdonald's brigades, has been dispatched to support Hamilton."

"Gen. Maxwell's brigade, formerly Gen. Churnside's of the seventh division yesterday moved forward and seized the hill covering the wagon bridge over the Modder river at Kranz Kraal, an important communication, must be used by the Boers during the last three weeks. Our only casualty was Private Brown, New South Wales Mounted Rifles, taken prisoner."

London, April 25.—Lady Sarah Wilson, in a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Mafeking, dated Sunday, April 8, says: "Our bread is now made entirely of oats and is full of husks. This causes much illness. There are many cases of nervous prostration, and a malarial typhoid among the garrison."

"The news of the check to the relieving column is a terrible disappointment. Last Friday thirty-three natives issued forth to recover some cattle, which has been looted by the Boers. They were betrayed by infirmity as they were the Boers, who surrounded them while they were sleeping and shot them all but one, giving no quarter. One escaped to tell the tale."

"The natives are now mad for revenge and it will be very difficult to control them. The local frontier is in a state of confusion. Our only casualty was Private Brown, New South Wales Mounted Rifles, taken prisoner."

## CONDENSED NEWS.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28.

The Wehner canal has opened, and a new panish cabinet has been selected.

Three free have been hanging around the police.

A Belgian woman was shot for \$40 at Galveston, Texas.

Three small fire boats are in Port Arthur for incendiaries.

The Congo massacre was brought up in the Belgian parliament.

Rev. Nye's short bow was and then committed suicide near Sydney, Wis.

A line of wheat steamers is to be established between Chicago and Liverpool.

A transfer track was run on the line between James and Market streets, Winnipeg.

The mayor of Chicago has been asked to allow 1,000 policemen to quell strike troubles.

All Turkey's snuffing has failed and U. S. holds on to the payment of the indemnity.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27.

The tuberculosis congress has opened in Nijmegen.

A. S. Hadden, inventor of the cable car, is dead.

Londoner says he of the U. S. R. lost his life near Milwaukee.

James has made another appeal to the Londoners.

Queen Victoria has reached Holyhead, Wales, on her return from Ireland.

Treasurer P. H. Rose introduced the annual budget statement of the territories.

The first wheat boat of the season to reach Port William is looking at the elevator.

Regina residents believe the Pipestone branch of the U. S. R. will be extended to their city.

Thos. W. Hadden, a Montreal hotel-keeper, has been arrested charged with forgery.

The U. S. government wishes its intention to the U. S. R. to be recorded not in the nature of an ultimatum.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26.

Things are hovering around Merriton, N. B.

The plague has disappeared from Honolulu.

Britain is only lukewarm in pressing claims against Turkey.

Three persons were killed in a New York cement fire.

Li Hung-chang is continuing his crusade against reformers.

The U. S. will continue to investigate the Willard canal outrage.

Strikers attempted to burn a bridge at Croton Landing, N. Y.

The Manitoba Free Press India tonnage amounts to over \$100,000.

Queen Victoria leaves Ireland today and will reach Windsor on Friday.

Members of the Toronto club and his less well-off while at work in a mill.

The strike at Danville works has been called off the unions has been recognized.

## WINNIPEG MARKETS.

Wheat—Manitoba No 1 hard, Fort William, 75c.  
Flour—Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, \$1.95; Ogilvie's, \$1.75; Manitoba Strong Bakers, \$1.45; XXXX, \$1.10; Lake of the Woods Five Rows, \$1.85; Strong Bakers, \$1.65; Medora, \$1.40; XXXX, \$1.20 per sack of 95 pounds delivered in Winnipeg.  
Mixed—Bran, \$14.50; shorts, \$16.50.

Ground Feed—Catch p. \$23 p. ton; barley chop \$17, and mixed feed of barley and oats \$20 p. ton. Corn chop, \$19; oilcake, \$27.

Cats—No 2 white, 31 to 32c per bushel in carlots; carlot No 2 mixed, 30 to 31c.

Barley—Carlots 33 to 35c off cars here.

Corn—Carlots of No 3 corn on track are worth 35 to 40c.

Wheat—32 to 54c to farmers, according to freight rate.

Flaxseed—About \$1.50 per bushel represents the value.

Oatmeal—Manitoba meal is being offered at \$1.65 per 80 lb. sack to the retail trade by millers.

Hay—Fresh baled hay is worth \$5 to \$5.50 per ton; loose hay on the street, \$5.50 per ton.

Butter—Creamery—The market is nominal at about 24c per pound. Dairy—Separators rolls, 22c; dairy tubs, 14c to 16c; cream, 14c to 15c.

Cheese—Small, 14 to 14 1/2c per pound, large, 14c.

Eggs—In mixed receipts, dealers selling to retail trade at 12c.

Vegetables—Potatoes 40 to 45c per bushel; turnips, 25c to 30c; carrots, 60c; beets, 40 to 50c; parsnips, 1 1/2c per pound; dry onions, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per bushel; California cabbage, 5c per pound; celery, 10c per dozen bunches; lettuce and parsley, 40c per dozen bunches; green onions, 20c per dozen; spinach, 10c per pound.

Game—Rabbits are worth 7c each. Pigeons 20c per pair.

Dressed Meats—Beef, city dressed, 1c to 1 1/2c per lb.; veal, 8 to 9c; fresh mutton, 10c; hogs, 6 1/2c to 7c for best weights.

Poultry—Turkeys, 11c per pound; ducks, 10c; geese, 8c; chickens, 11c; wild geese, 12c to 15c apiece.

Hides—No 1 inspected hides, 7c; No 2, 6c; No 3, 5c; kip, 7c; calf, 5c; deerskin skins, 25 to 35c each; sheepskins, 40 to 50c each; horsehide, 50 to 75c.

Wool—We quote prices here 8 to 9c for unwashed fleece.

Seneca rosin—Nominal at 28c per lb.

Detroit, Mich., April 24.—Chas. G. Fleckenstein, secretary of the Trust Security and Safe Deposit company, of this city, hanged himself yesterday in a barn in the rear of his residence. No reason for the deed can be given by his relatives, unless recent illness had unbalanced his mind.

Tacoma, April 24.—Oriental natives just received state that Samuel L. Co., an English firm, have enticed Americans and other foreign firms and secured the Furman camphor monopoly for ten years.

Vancouver, April 23.—Inglukluks, the Indian boy who was accused of taking part in an Indian death dance at Alert Bay, when portions of a dead human body were eaten, and on which occasion the boy ran a shaver, through his arm to get a prize for stoneware, received a very light sentence from Chief Justice McNeill—two months in jail.

Hamilton, April 23.—William Beare was struck on the head by a large stone at Harnon quarry yesterday and instantly killed.

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ROSCOE E. LAW,  
EDITOR AND MANAGER

THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1900.

*"Let us have faith that right makes might; and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it."*

**OPPOSITION POLICY.**

The policy of the Territorial Opposition was announced last week by the leader, D. H. McDonald, in speaking to a motion of amendment to the address. He advocated economy, by reducing salaries and having two members only of the executive, assimilation to Dominion franchise, grading of taxation according to the wants of the districts, members of the executive not to take part in Dominion politics, management of public works such as will meet the approval of the federal authorities, power to grant charters to railways but not to give a bonus or subsidy or pledge the country's credit, but to have power to appropriate when desirable.

With the limited funds at the country's disposal the question of economy is an important one. The present executive have been living on the fat of the land, taking good care to draw their living and travelling expenses in addition to their salaries regardless of what public works suffered.

If the Manitoba government with its manifold duties can carry on the government with an executive of three members, the territorial executive with its limited powers should be able to do their work with two members. This was proved by the prolonged absence of J. H. Ross on his trip north-west with the Indian Commission last year.

The plank which advocates the prohibiting of members of the executive taking part in Dominion politics is a decidedly good one. What right have the people to pay salaries to men for standing for the Dominion parties? The fact that the present executive have found time to do so is another proof that three members is too many.

It was but a short time ago that one of the executive in an interview stated that the question of government ownership of railways was not troubling the Territories. Such a statement showed either gross ignorance of the subject or a wilful misstatement of the facts for the subject is one that has occupied a great deal of space in the Territorial press. In view of this fact the opposition are wise in embracing the principle as a plank in their platform. No part of Canada has suffered and is suffering so much from unwise railway construction and railway management as the Territories.

The Opposition must recognize that if they adhere firmly to their platform and take a strong stand against the construction of a new railway line, their power

will rapidly increase and even at the next elections we may see as great a turnover as occurred in the Dominion elections in 1896.

**THE FIRE AT HULL.**

The fire which occurred at Hull and Ottawa last week was one of the most disastrous conflagrations that has visited Canada for years. The loss is estimated at \$15,000,000 to \$20,000,000, while fifteen thousand people are rendered homeless. Many of these were employed in the mills and depending on them for their daily bread, and are consequently in a destitute condition. Sympathy has been expressed by people and firms in all parts of the Empire and the United States. Contributions are flowing in rapidly but much suffering must be endured by the homeless ones ere new houses can be erected. The charitably disposed amongst our readers should find it in their heart to contribute their mite to their unfortunate fellow-countrymen. If it were done 'twere well that 'twere done quickly.

**TREE PLANTING.**

The season for tree planting is at hand and it would be well if our citizens would make an effort to beautify our streets and their property. Nothing adds to the charm of a town on a hot summer's day so much as a few shade trees along its thoroughfares. The value of property is also enhanced thereby. Visitors from the east remark the nakedness of our streets at first glance and are prejudiced thereby. The cost is slight, trees being obtainable from the Indian Head Experimental Farm, and the benefit is great, both from an aesthetic and utilitarian standpoint.

**NOTE.**

We have received a letter from G. H. V. Bulyea, M. L. A., objecting to our remarks in last issue with regard to expenditure in Assiniboia and stating that some \$60,000 were spent last year in Assiniboia as against \$10,000 spent in the west. We shall endeavor to deal with this subject in our next issue as Mr. Bulyea has been kind enough to send us a copy of the public accounts for 1899.

**Balgonto.**

From our own correspondent.]

Andrew Martin, a German living about 40 miles north-west of here, was arrested by Corp. Callahan and Const. Barry, N. W. M. P., and brought before A. E. Westbrook, J. P., on the charge of having set out a prairie fire contrary to law, and having allowed same to spread. After hearing the evidence adduced, the prisoner was fined \$10 and costs. Prairie fires have done such immense damage that any carelessness or wilful neglect should be sharply punished. But what of the villain who deliberately attempts to burn up his neighbor's pasture. Last Sunday evening, while two gentlemen were lying on a hillside near Edgewood they noticed an unknown man come out of a bluff several hundred yards away, set fire to the grass in two different places, and immediately rush off through the bluffs. It took the men of that locality several hours to put out the fire thus started. It is a pity the miscreant had not been caught by the workers so that he might have been hanged up properly.

Building operations are to be carried on on quite an extensive scale here this summer. Mr. Dalgleish intends enlarging his warehouse. Mr. Cockwell expects to tear down his blacksmith shop, move it and build a new one. The old Cornish people talk of erecting a large warehouse, and our genial host of the Balgonto Hotel is to add an addition to his premises. The better is a moderate thing people.

Mr. George Graham returned last week after spending the winter

with his friends in Ontario.

Mrs. and Miss Eva James have gone on a visit to friends in various parts of Manitoba.

Mr. W. G. MacIntyre, Strathcona, representing a B. C. Milling Co. is in town to-day supervising the loading of several car loads of wheat, bought from the Dominion Elevator Co. for shipment to Vernon.

Mr. A. W. Dandas and friends spent Sunday in Qu'Appelle.

Rev. A. R. Brown is conducting special services here this week. He is assisted by Rev. J. Hoskin, Qu'Appelle, and Rev. A. Matheson, Edgely.

**Edgely Echoes.**

From our own correspondent.]

Some of the following items belong to the happenings of last week, for which we ask the readers' indulgence.

It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of Mrs. F. G. Whittingham, who, after an extended illness, departed this life on the 18th of April. The event is particularly sad as she leaves, not only her husband, but also a family of young children to mourn her loss. The funeral took place on Friday, 20th of April, to Edgely cemetery. A very touching and impressive funeral service was held in the church, presided over by the pastor, Rev. Hoskin, and Rev. Matheson, both of whom officiated at the grave. To show the esteem in which the deceased was held, we may state that about fifty vehicles followed the body to the grave; also wreaths were placed on the coffin by kind friends. People attended from far and near, many coming from a distance. We all extend our sympathy to Mr. Whittingham in his sad bereavement. The public school was closed for the day out of respect for the deceased. Mr. Whittingham's relatives took some of the children home with them when they returned home to Hill Farm.

A few of our sports went fishing to the Valley last week, and we hear they left some fish in the river for any of us who may wish to try our luck in the future.

Arbor Day this year falls on May 12th. Prepare to beautify your homes and door-yards by planting trees and shrubs.

We congratulate our western neighbors on their enterprise in forming a new school district, which is to be named "Ridgeway S. District." We believe it is their intention to erect a stone school building this summer. The trustees chosen are Messrs. Archie Walker, Ed Whalen and J. P. Jones, the last named being Sec.-Treas. This is a move in the right direction and a sure sign of progress.

Mrs. McAr, of Indian Head, has for the past week been visiting her people, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Craig. Mr. McAr came on Saturday and remained till Sunday evening, when he and his wife took the train for home.

Mrs. Thomas Johnston, of Winnipeg, spent some time here visiting her numerous relatives in this district.

Among visitors in our midst we have pleasure in recording the following—Mrs. Carrol, of Strathcona; Mr. and Mrs. John Craig, of Qu'Appelle Station; Mr. J. R. Brown, of Devin; Mr. and Mrs. P. McNaughton and Messrs. Seymour, of Springfield; Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Hawden, of Vernon; Mr. F. Nixon, of the States, and Mr. R. S. Johnston and family of Poplar Plains.

Miss Emma Goodwin and Mr. C. Bell visited Devin last Sunday. Rev. Mr. Brown, of Devin, preached a very able sermon last Sunday in the Methodist church, to a large audience. Two of our local scientists spent some time in contemplating the beautiful phenomenon of the Aurora Borealis, as seen in the heavens last Monday evening. Full particulars later.

**A Rotten System.**

The Toronto Mail Empire has a very poor opinion of the Dominion franchise system. It says:

"The Laurier franchise system is rotten with injustice and fraud. It enables a man in Quebec to vote

for the Dominion parliament half a dozen times at any general election. He can be registered in half a dozen constituencies if he has property there, and he can vote in them all. But it prohibits the Ontario man from voting more than once. An Ontario man may have property in half a dozen constituencies; but let him try to exercise the right the Quebec man has and to jail he will go. This is an impudent discrimination between men; it was designed by Laurier to give the Quebec man more power at Ottawa than the Ontario man enjoys. This last scheme of disfranchisement is an insult to loyal Canadians. Its sole purpose is to wipe from the list of electors thousands of men who are hated by the Ottawa rulers of to-day because their presence in the military service indicates that they are pro-British and thoroughly loyal. This Ottawa government is becoming disgusting. With its hoodluming, its gerrymandering, its ballot-box stuffing and its disfranchising it is a positive offence to the country."

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### LIST OF CASUALTIES—EIGHTEEN HUNDRED HOMELESS.

Damage Estimated at Eighteen Millions—Large Sums Donated for Relief of the Sufferers.

Ottawa, April 28.—The fire area was witnessed by hundreds of people this afternoon and evening. One of the most remarkable things about the sad scene was that no smoke was to be seen. There were no half-burned buildings or crumbling ruins anywhere. Everything that the fire touched was burned to ashes. It was certainly the hottest fire that was ever witnessed. The general opinion here is that it was the most disastrous fire that ever visited Canada. Some think that the St. John, N.B., fire of 1877 was more disastrous and this is probably correct, but the area in that case was not so large, and in this instance there is a great deal more destitution, as the sufferers are of the poorer class.

London, April 28.—The newspapers are unanimous in expressing the opinion that it is the duty of Great Britain to assist promptly and substantially in repairing the losses incurred by the Ottawa fire.

Montreal, April 28.—Several liberal subscriptions are announced for private citizens. The Quebec government and the city of Montreal will take action immediately, also the board of trade.

Montreal, April 28.—The Alliance Fire Insurance company, of London, cables the head office there contributing \$1,250 to the Hull-Ottawa fire sufferers.

Montreal, April 28.—The Bank of Montreal has contributed \$10,000 to the relief of the Ottawa and Hull fire sufferers.

Ottawa, April 28.—The wind continues from the northeast and, unless it changes, the city will be safe as the fire has about burned itself out towards the country. Should the wind turn and blow some of the burning debris towards the city there would be great danger of it breaking out again as everything is as dry as matchwood.

The list of dead now stands as follows: Miss M. Cook, cremated, in her home, aged 48. John Pample, repairer, 416 Somerset street, suffocated in C.P.R. yards. George Peasey, shoemaker, 124 Queen street west, suffocated. John Dore, fireman for E. B. Eddy. Unknown man, found dead in Meyers' house, Wellington street, Hull. Mrs. Carson, Wellington street, Hull, died from fright, aged 80. A. Beaudin, 8 years old, son of Charles Beaudin, Duke street, Hull. This makes seven deaths in all. Joseph Robert of Ann street, Hull, married with two of a family, is not expected to live. He was severely crushed while trying to remove a piano out of a burning building. There are others in peril or less injured, but not seriously.

The fire is now under control both in Ottawa and Hull. Eighteen thousand people are homeless. The drill shed, schools and other buildings are crowded.

The loss is \$15,000,000 and insurance \$10,000,000. The C.P.R. loss is over \$100,000. The station. Help for the homeless is needed immediately.

### Several Citizens in Isolated Hospital.

Winnipeg, April 28.—At a special meeting of the city council yesterday afternoon the question of smallpox quarantine was considered. The notice calling the meeting had mentioned also the Ottawa fire, but the mayor thought that since he had given the order, smallpox had developed in the city to such an extent that the council had trouble enough, and probably a great deal more than enough, at home to occupy its attention. At about 10 o'clock on Thursday Dr. Inglis had drawn his attention to the fact that there was smallpox in the general hospital, and Ald. Harvey and the mayor had gone to the full extent that they were empowered without the sanction of the council. It was reported that night that 15 cases are known of.

A second case of suspected smallpox was taken from the Merchants' block last evening. The name of the person could not be ascertained, but as Marshall was taken from there in the morning with marked symptoms of the disease, it seems likely that the case is one of the same nature. William Deering, late stage manager of the Grand theatre, developed symptoms of smallpox and was removed to the isolated smallpox hospital. His father's residence on Bagin street was immediately quarantined.

Chas. L. Clark, provincial inspector of the Northern life of London, is quarantined for smallpox, and will not be at his office for some weeks.

Mrs. Thomas Lyons, of James street east, who has been ill, presumably with measles, for the past few days, was yesterday removed from the health department and hustled out to the pest house. Her house was labelled "smallpox." The house of a neighbor, who had some time prior to this assisted Mrs. Lyons to birth, was also placed under quarantine.

## HAS GEN. DEWET ESCAPED?

Belief That Boer Army Retired Several Days Ago to Safe Territory.

London, April 28.—The war office has issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, Friday: "Gen. French reached Thaba N'Chu this morning with cavalry. He met Gen. Hamilton and Gen. Smith-Dorrien's brigade there.

"The enemy were still holding the eastern outlet of the town, from whence Gen. French and Gen. Hamilton were proceeding to turn them out.

"Gen. Buller's division was eight miles south of Thaba N'Chu last evening."

London, April 28.—The following dispatch has been received at the war office from Lord Roberts:

"Bloemfontein, April 27.—At the request of the high commissioner, Gen. Warren has been appointed military governor of Orange Free State, while that part of the country is in a disturbed condition."

This dispatch constitutes all the war news received up to this hour. The country is eagerly awaiting to hear whether Gen. French succeeded in cutting off the retreating Boers.

Mentioning the strict discipline imposed on the British force Mr. Burleigh writes: "A Canadian appropriated a chicken from a farm yard. I know thousands of officers and others who have done the same thing and nothing has been said of it. The poor Canadian came before a court martial and was sentenced to fifty-six days' hard labor for his offence."

Mr. Burleigh adds this reference to Lord Kitchener: "The great mystery man of this war is undoubtedly Lord Kitchener. His energy, ubiquity and genius are beyond doubt but where is he? I wish I knew, for where he is there is matter to write about worthy of publication."

London, April 28.—In Commandant Gen. Louis Botha, the Boers appear to have found a capable successor to Joubert. As the result of his insight and quick decision, it may be assumed now, that the retreating commandoes have gotten safely away with the transport.

It is true that Lord Roberts' dispatch leaves much unsaid as to the whereabouts of other forces than those of Gen. French and Gen. Buller. Nothing is said about the troops of Gen. Brabant, Gen. Pole-Carew, Hart and Chermide, but the indications from a recent North show that several small commandoes are still hovering in the vicinity of Springfield, causing a certain amount of danger, and the advice from Dew's Dorp outline the duties of Gen. Chermide, and justify the conclusion that it will still be necessary to employ a considerable body of troops to keep the Free State clear of Boers.

Bloemfontein, April 28.—Gen. Pole-Carew's forces are seven miles north of De Wet's Dorp today. They are disappointed at the failure to surround the Boers, but believe the march will have a good effect on the Free State. Whenever the Boers are driven off their land, Gen. Pole-Carew seized their cattle and horses.

## TERRITORIAL BUDGET.

Mr. Ross Introduces His Annual Statement Before the Public Accounts Committee.

Ottawa, April 28.—At the assembly J. H. Ross the territorial treasurer, introduced the budget, and congratulated the House there was now a formal opposition. The government believed in party government. There had been a great deal of misconception on the subject. They believed in party government, not, however, on Dominion lines, but on local lines. He was glad to notice that the new opposition was of such a nature, for he recognized that so far as Dominion politics were concerned, there were just as many in the opposition of one party as the other.

The amount to be voted for civil government is \$43,000, being \$427 less than last year. Mr. Ross challenged criticism on any of the items and dwelt particularly on the \$180,000 asked for public works. The estimated increase in expenditure for public instruction was only \$465 to provide grants for 70 new school districts that would be formed during the coming year. The amount asked for legislation is \$24,285, being \$8,000 less than last year, there being no election expenses. The total amount asked for all purposes is \$468,000. Mr. Ross was frequently cheered during his statement, and the debate was adjourned.

## COL. OTTER WOUNDED.

Awaiting the Results of Roberts' Plans—Gen. French Well in Front.

London, April 28.—The main body of Boers has evidently got safely through to the north, although French and Buller are fighting rear guard detachments. They entered Thaba N'Chu together, drove out the Boers occupying one part of the place and then left going in opposite directions. Lord Roberts has issued a list of Gen. Hamilton's casualties, in which Col. Otter of Canada was slightly wounded.

Chatham, April 28.—At the assizes here yesterday Rufus Milner, son of Robert Milner, carriage maker, a prominent citizen, was found guilty of arson.

## HULL-OTTAWA FLAMES

### OVER TWO THOUSAND BUILDINGS GO UP IN SMOKE.

Twelve Thousand People Homeless, and Ten Thousand Out of Employment—Loss, \$15,000,000.

Ottawa, April 27.—The city of Hull has been burning since noon yesterday. It is estimated that there were 1,500 residences burned in Ottawa and over 800 in Hull. Hull has a population of about 12,000 people, and more than half of the city is homeless today. The entire business part of the city, including the court house, post office, public buildings and newspaper offices is one mass of ruins. The population is almost entirely composed of people who work in mills or who derive their business from those workers. The fire after crossing from Hull swept the whole of Victoria island right over to the hill below Wellington street. The whole of Chaudiere was cleaned out over to the waterworks pumping station. Wellington street escaped from the waterworks to Hill street, and then the fire skirts around the top of the hill which the St. Jean Baptiste church stands, and then in a straight line out Division street to the canal. West of this is burnt as far as Hull extends.

The fire cleared out Hull in the afternoon, took hold among the lumber piles on the banks of the river, and extended to the lumber yards, and that part of Ottawa known as Chaudiere flats, surrounding the Canadian Pacific railway depot. Where the lumber mills are all located, is fire except. The only building standing in the whole area is that of the Ottawa carbide factory, which is newly erected and fire proof. From the flats the fire extended across Richmond road, on to Rochester, as far as the experimental farm.

It is estimated that at the present time the number of people homeless is not less than 12,000. It is somewhere between 12,000 and 15,000. The government have given the drill hall and the city the large exhibition building to accommodate the unfortunate sufferers. All institutions in the city which have any accommodation at all have lent a hand to aid the distressed. The only industry left standing in Hull is the Gilmore and Huston lumber mills at the extreme end beyond the city limits near Gattineau Point, and it is still in danger. The large Roman Catholic cathedral is still standing but the flames are surrounding it. Nothing can be done to stop the fire. A small hut got burnt itself out to the water edge. The Hull Lumber company's mills and the extensive works of E. B. Eddy's both match and paper factories, as well as his paternal residence, are all in ruins as well as the inter-provincial bridge which connects the city of Ottawa with Hull. Coming to the Ottawa side of the river the loss is still greater. For instance there are the Bronson and Weston Lumber company's mill, J. K. Reole's lumber mill, McKay Milling company, Ottawa Electric railway power house, Martin and Warlock's mills, Victoria foundry, Ottawa saw works, Ottawa Specialty company's planing mills and several other industries, all of which are in ashes. There are also some fine residences included in this area. That of J. R. Booth was estimated at \$100,000. Then there is the residence of his son-in-law, A. W. Fleck, close beside. Hon. Mr. Foster resides in the same locality. Lord Cranville, manager for Mr. Bronson, and Mr. Parr's, of the Parr Mills, had two beautiful houses, out of which they were not able to take anything, so quickly did the flames extend to them.

As soon as members of the government saw that the fire was to be cleared up, a minister of public works telegraphed Montreal, Peterboro and Brockville for fire appliances and all assistance that could be sent. But these, although they arrived speedily, were of no avail. Nothing could stop the ravage of the fire, which leaped over whole blocks and broke out in all directions.

The fire originated through a dirty chimney and the high wind, with clouds of dust and sand floating in all directions, caused the flames to soon spread. Coming to the Ottawa side of the river, that portion of the city west of Division street, the old foundry line of the city, before Rochester village was annexed, was almost entirely burned down. The village of Hintonburg, still further west in close proximity to the city, has not all been destroyed, the greater part remaining. "Mechanville" too, which was reported to be entirely swept away, still remains.

The casualties so far reported are Miss Cook, an old woman who lived on Wellington street, near the French church, and who was burned to death. An unknown man was found dead on the C.P.R. track. Jas. Nayah, Queen street west, is reported to be fatally injured, and some pieces of timber fell on James McRyfield, who was taken to the hospital.

At midnight the fire was reported to be under control.

## SMALLPOX IN WINNIPEG.

General Hospital Quarantined—Nurses Contract the Disease—Tourist From Winnipeg Isolated in Days Ago.

Winnipeg, April 27.—A man named Hector M. Finlayson, an Australian, on his way to England via Japan, occupied a lower berth on a sleeper between Vancouver and Winnipeg. He was about 55 years of age. A sheep rancher at home, he had acquired considerable means, and was looking forward to the enjoyment of a moving curio collection in the old country. He complained of being sick before reaching Brandon. Dr. Chown of this city, who was at Brandon on professional business and returning to Winnipeg on the same train was asked if he would see this man and did so. He took his temperature and looked him over and found he was a pretty sick man, though there was nothing to indicate what ailed him, no rash and no symptoms to show even to the experienced eye of a doctor the cause of the trouble. He told Finlayson he was not fit to travel. Accordingly when Winnipeg was reached Finlayson got into a cab and was driven to the hospital where, thirty-six hours later he died, the case being now known to have been one of malignant smallpox, which he probably contracted on the boat coming from Japan.

He was interred in the ordinary way by one of the undertakers, so it will be seen that between the cab and the hospital where he died, there was no coming into contact with Finlayson, and the undertaker and his assistants, and perhaps in one or two other ways, there is nothing how many persons may have been exposed. The nurse who attended him at the hospital went down with the disease yesterday. A second nurse who attended him, and who slept with her sister, also a nurse, did not contract the disease but the sister did, and the explanation is that the second nurse was vaccinated while the sister was not. The second case became known today. Both nurses have been removed to the isolated hospital and the whole of the general hospital has been quarantined.

The two nurses who are in the grip of the disease are Nurse Sanford, of Virden and Nurse Duncan, of Morden. Both are most popular at the hospital.

## LADYBRAND NOW OCCUPIED.

British Mounted Infantry Command Important District—Seize Fort, Enter Thaba N'Chu Plateau.

London, April 27.—The war office publishes the following despatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein, April 26: "Gen. Ian Hamilton yesterday drove the enemy off a strong position at Israel's Fort by a well-conceived turning movement, which was admirably carried out by Gen. Kilday, commander of the Second mounted infantry brigade, and Gen. Smith-Dorrien, commanding the 1st brigade. The troops are today advancing towards Thaba N'Chu. Our losses are slight, only one yet reported. Major Marshall, Grahamstown Mounted rifles, severely wounded in the shoulder."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Standard, telegraphing Thursday, says: "Gen. Ian Hamilton, with a mounted infantry, naval guns and a Howitzer battery, took by storm the waterworks in the direction of Thaba N'Chu. A large force of infantry supported him. He met with no opposition and the mounted infantry occupied a position commanding the Ladybrand district."

## VAN HORNE IN CUBA.

The Railway Magnate Will Assist to Develop Its Industries.

New York, April 27.—American capital has been enlisted in the scheme for the rehabilitation and development of the railway system of Cuba. The newly-formed company, the Cuban Co., is to undertake the work, and its organization is chiefly due to the labor of Sir William C. Van Horne, W. C. Whitney, and their prominent members of the Whitney syndicate. Levi P. Morton, John A. Mackay of Commercial Cable Co., the Western railway magnate, Gen. Samuel Thomas and others well known among financiers who are to employ their brains in pushing the syndicate.

The Cuban Co. has been incorporated in New Jersey with \$5,000,000 capital. This will be a meeting of the promoters in Gov. Magoon's office and the organization of the company will be perfected.

## OCEAN TRAVEL.

Montreal, April 27.—Changes have been made in the sailing days of the Elder Dempster-Beaver line mail steamer. Commencing with the Lake Megantic on Friday, May 1, the steamers of this line will sail from Montreal on Friday mornings, instead of Wednesday as heretofore, and commencing with the Lake Ontario, May 1, the sailings from Liverpool will be Tuesday instead of Saturdays.

## BRITISH HELP FOR VICTIMS.

London, April 27.—The Times has editorially this morning: "Great Britain must help Canada, who is lavishing her blood and treasure in South Africa," by contributing to the funds for the victims of the Ottawa fire."

## THE WELLAND CANAL.

Mr. Gill on suggests that more power be given to superintendents to deal with suspicious characters.

Ottawa, April 25.—When the House met yesterday, Mr. McGowen, who called attention to the dynamite explosion at Welland Canal, said that it was the work of "some Yankee conspirator." He also stated that when the militia in St. Catharines was called out there was not sufficient ammunition on hand. He was told that there was also told that there was no ammunition in Toronto or London. Mr. Wilfrid Laurier said that he would have the matter enquired into. Mr. Gibson (Lincoln) said he was in St. Catharines on Sunday and did not hear any such complaint from the militia officers, but any amount of ammunition on hand would not prevent the detonation at which the second explosion occurred. What was wanted was to give power to the superintendents of all canals to have suspicious parties arrested when walking along the banks or around the locks. He attributed the cause of the explosion to men in British Columbia who were afraid of the traffic being diverted from that city through the proposed erection of elevators at Fort Colborne and Montreal.

The budget debate was resumed by Mr. Monk, and continued by Messrs. McKellen, Sparrow and Holmes. Mr. Bell, Arlington, moved the adjournment of the debate.

The Senate resumed its sittings yesterday after the recess holidays. Mr. Mills introduced a bill to amend the loan companies act of 1899. This is a short bill to correct a few verbal errors. Sir Mackenzie Bowell presented a petition signed by the speaker of the Manitoba legislature for railways within the province coming before the House should include a clause providing for purchase by the province.

The British Columbia government have been repeatedly advised that the imperial authorities strongly condemn discrimination in Canada against Japanese, but notwithstanding this the B.C. government has still included Japanese in its anti-Chinese legislation. During the session of the B.C. Legislature of 1899 some 14 bills of this character were passed, and these prevented the employment of Japanese labor. The minister of justice asked the B.C. government to withdraw amending bills. This was done, and as a consequence four bills have been disallowed.

## HAIL INSURANCE.

Bill Based on Manitoba Act Not Second Time in the Territorial Assembly.

Regina, April 25.—The assembly, the members standing, received a message from the lieutenant-governor asking for supply in accordance with the accompanying estimates. Mr. J. H. Ross proposed that the message and the estimates be referred to the committee of supply.

Mr. A. B. Gillis moved the second reading of a bill to amend the dentistry ordinance. The object was to remove the restrictions imposed last year on duly qualified persons from other countries who wished to practice in the Territory.

Mr. Hamilton proposed the second reading of the bill respecting hail insurance. He said the report was based on the Manitoba legislation, but was different in detail, so as to prevent what recently took place in that province, where a company got into the hands of Americans.

## Dominion City Elevator Burned.

Dominion City, Man., April 25.—Fire completely destroyed Walden's elevator yesterday. The fire broke out at 11 o'clock and the cause is unknown. The elevator was operated by the Winnipeg Elevator company, who had over 20,000 bushels of wheat stored. C.P.R. Agent Lawson, aided by the station men and others, succeeded in saving four cars, which stood before the elevator, but not before two of them took fire. The building is insured for about \$2,000.

## FIRE AT FLEMING.

Fleming, N.W.T., April 25.—About 10 o'clock last night fire broke out in Chandler's unoccupied livery stable, which was soon a mass of flames, endangering a number of buildings in its immediate vicinity. Geo. J. Jupp, general store, which was in close proximity, was also destroyed with part of his stock. Loss about \$10,000, which is partly covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown.

## ELECTION BRIEFS.

Milton, April 25.—The trial of the Halton election bribery took place yesterday before Judges Meredith and McLellan. A. E. Cross, James Dowdle, Thos. Bent Jr., John Evans, H. S. Hume and William Haydon were found guilty. The charges against Wm. Dowdle and Patrick Lyons were dismissed, and the case of Wm. Bent stands, he being absent.

## A FAKE STORY.

London, April 27.—An interesting story of the father-in-law of the late Lord Brown Potter, having been taken from her husband by natural causes, was shortly to be married to a son of the late Lord Brown Potter, who was to be entirely without financial resources.





## New Advertisements and Changes.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**  
M. G. McEwen—Hardware stock.  
**CHANGES.**  
D. Brown—Fresh Killed Meats.  
C. T. Bailey—Footwear.

## LOCAL NEWS

A brilliant display of the Aurora Borealis on Monday evening. It is said to indicate colder weather.

Farmers' and stock raisers' supplies can be had at Hunter's Drug Store in any quantity, all fresh and pure.

### Blacksmith Wanted.

The residents around McLenn are anxious to secure a good blacksmith. There is an excellent opening for a capable man.

### Mill in danger.

The whistle of the flour mill was blowing for help on Monday owing to the proximity of a prairie fire. Fortunately no damage was done.

### Arbor Day.

Friday, May 11th is Arbor Day and a statutory holiday throughout the Territories. How many trees will be planted in town on that day?

### Eclipse May 23th.

An eclipse of the sun takes place on Monday, May 23th. It is visible as a partial eclipse in Canada and a total eclipse in the Southern States.

### To Delinquents

Those who are in arrears for this paper will oblige by remitting at once the amount due, and thus saving arrearage rates. Price \$1.00 in advance, \$1.50 when in arrears.

### Practically Finished.

All the wheat and a good part of the oats is now in throughout Qu'Appelle district. Much of the wheat is already 3 or 4 inches above ground and is growing rapidly.

Regina Liberals will hold a meeting on May 18th for the purpose of electing delegates to attend the convention on May 25th, on which date a candidate will be chosen to contest West Assiniboia for the Dominion House.

### Entertainment.

A concert and Japanese tea party will be held in the town hall on Wednesday, May 16th. During the evening numerous War Scenes will be shown by means of a magic lantern. For further particulars see posters.

See your stock and get prices on Wall Paper by the yard or by the roll.  
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### To Free Press Patrons

All readers of the Free Press who purchase their papers from our newsboy will please bear in mind that it is sold only on a cash basis. If taken by the week the money must be paid weekly or the paper will be discontinued.

At Bailey's  
New Apple Syrup.

We draw attention to the very interesting budget of news from the Fort this week. We are pleased to learn that the authorities are after those guilty of allowing fires to run; also that our stand in regard to the Territorial government is meeting with approval.

### Improvements.

The Council are making some very acceptable improvements on the streets here. Where formerly residents in some portions of the town had to walk through mud, sidewalks have now been built. They are also adding loads of sand and gravel where it has been worn away in the road. Keep adding.

### A Success.

The Polo Club dance given in the town hall on Thursday last though not largely attended was a most pleasant and successful affair. The brightly harmonious colors of the ladies' costumes offset by the quieter shades of the gentlemen's, the happy faces and good music, all combined to render it a most successful entertainment.

E. J. Longpre is now prepared to repair bicycles, sharpen axes and lawn mowers at reasonable rates.

## PERSONALS.

Miss B. McMichael, of Spencer, was in town on Monday.

Mr. Lofthouse returned last week from a visit to friends in the old country.

J. D. McArn, of the Indian Head Vilette, gave us a friendly call on Saturday.

M. G. McEwen is in Winnipeg purchasing a full supply of hardware. See his advt. on this page.

Miss Eva Bailey is ill with what is believed to be a slight attack of typhoid fever.

Robt. Scott has been appointed postmaster at Eagle Butte, a new office recently opened near Medicine Hat.

R. Woodman has closed his tailoring establishment at Sinitulata and will probably engage with the N. W. M. P. force at Regina.

J. R. Campbell returned Tuesday to take charge of the creamery this season. His many friends welcome him back to the town.

Mr. J. Bowden, representing the Colonial Investment Co., of Winnipeg, was in town on a business trip on Wednesday.

Mrs. Johnston and daughter, of Winnipeg, returned on Monday to their home after a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Carrol at Strathcarroll.

Mr. Ed. Holt left on Monday for Jamestown, N. Y., where he has secured a situation with the firm of Sternburg & Co. We wish him success.

### Lebret.

From our own correspondent.

Mr. Sworler left for Calgary on Tuesday.

Rev. Father Jacob was at the Sioux Reserve on Sunday.

Dr. Seymour returned on Sunday from Brandon where he assisted in performing a surgical operation.

Miss A. Meehan spent Sunday at her home here.

Miss Annie Meehan is spending a few days at Indian Head as the guest of Mrs. M. Kearns.

Mr. W. S. Rough was at the Industrial School on Tuesday.

Rev. Father Hagonnard and a number of the Industrial School pupils spent Saturday and Sunday at the Assiniboine Reserve.

Mr. C. Miles visited his family at Vernon on Sunday.

Mr. J. McDonell, of McDonell Hills, was at Lebret on Monday.

We were pleased to see our genial friend, Mr. E. Givener, at Lebret on Monday.

Mrs. A. McKinnon was at Lebret on Monday.

Mr. J. Meehan, of Leon Creek, spent Sunday and Monday at his home here.

The family of Mr. H. Martinson, who have been living at Lebret for the past six months, will leave in a few days to reside at Touchwood.

## MARKETS.

### WINNIPEG:

Beef, dressed....	7 to 7 1/2
Veal.....	8 to 9
Mutton.....	10
Hogs.....	6 1/2 to 7
Butter, dairy....	15 to 17
Eggs.....	10
Hay.....	3.00 to 4.00
Wheat.....	52 to 54
Oats.....	29 to 31
Lard, pure leaf..	1.90
Breakfast bacon	10 to 12 1/2
Hams, wholesale	13

### LOCAL.

Beef, dressed....	7
Hogs, dressed....	6 1/2 to 7
Butter.....	15 to 17 1/2
Eggs.....	10 to 12
Flour, per bag....	1.50 to 2.00
Hay.....	2.50 to 3.00
Wheat.....	55 to 60
Oats.....	35 to 40
Lard.....	1.25
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Breakfast bacon	17
Cornmeal.....	2.50 to 3.00

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SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at the Post Office on Friday, 25th May next, for the conveyance of the Majesty's mails, on a proposed contract for four years, since the week ending between the 1st of May and the 1st of June.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the Post Office of the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, at Ottawa, or at the Post Office of the Hon. the Minister of the Interior, at this office.

W. W. McLEOD,

Post Office Inspector.

Post Office Inspector's Office,

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Manager.

## Breaking to Let

ON SHARPS or otherwise. Persons desirous of accepting same, apply at the Post Office.

## H. R. DING.

THE undersigned will be prepared to take charge of the town held on Monday May 7th at usual rates.

Anyone having claims to send with the land and my notice.

W. ROWELL,

Qu'Appelle Station.

## In the Supreme Court of the North West Territories and Judicial District of Western Assiniboia.

In the matter of the Winding Up Act, and of the Qu'Appelle Felt and Wool Co., Ltd.

Pursuant to the order of the Honorable Mr. Justice Richardson, made and dated the 14th day of March, A. D. 1900, notice is hereby given that each creditor of the above Company is required to send to A. D. Brown, Esquire, Barrister, Qu'Appelle Station, the Liquidator appointed in this matter, on or before the 15th day of May, A. D. 1900, their claim against the said Company, together with a statement of the security of any held by them, and to TAKE NOTICE that each claim is required to be verified by statutory declaration.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the said Liquidator may, at the expiration of said time, distribute the Assets of the said Company amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which the said Liquidator then has notice.

Dated at Regina the 14th day of March, A. D. 1900.

Hamilton & Jones,  
Advocates for A. D. Brown.

## FOR SALE

TWO Registered Short-Horn Bulls, will exchange for another bull, or a cow, or a horse. Also a pure-bred Yorkshire for sale.

THOS. SKINNER,

24-25, Qu'Appelle Station.